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DOVER REAL ESTATE AGENT INDICTED ON TAX CHARGES

Dover, DE - Dover-based real estate agent Thomas M. Harmon, 51, was charged today with two misdemeanor counts of willfully failing to file State of Delaware personal income tax returns, concealing more than \$245,000.00 of income over the past two years, says Patrick T. Carter, Director of the Delaware Division of Revenue.

The grand jury for the Superior Court in Kent County returned the indictment, alleging Harmon intentionally failed to file Delaware personal income tax returns and to report more than \$245,000.00 in gross earnings he received in the years 2002 and 2003. In those years, Harmon was self-employed as both a real estate agent and as a school bus contractor. The majority of Harmon's income was acquired in commission from these two occupations.

Investigators say that Harmon ignored repeated requests from the Division of Revenue to file his state income tax returns. Delaware's Division of Revenue calculates the state's tax loss during those two years at more than \$5,300.00.

Harmon's two misdemeanor tax offenses are each punishable by a maximum one-year imprisonment and \$2,300 in fines. Harmon is currently awaiting arraignment and a trial date in Kent County Superior Court.

Charges against Harmon stem from a six-month inquiry conducted by the Delaware Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit – a branch of the Division dedicated solely to apprehending criminal tax offenders in Delaware. The investigation included scrutinizing tax records, as well as interviewing third parties and financial institutions. Findings were then referred to the Delaware Attorney General's Office for indictment and prosecution.

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